



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

## Meeting Minutes

**May 2, 2005 – 6:30 pm**

**City Hall – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

**Members Present:** Jay Dyer, Norm Gritton, Laurie Hoirup, Erin House, Gurumantra Khalsa, Dana Kruckenberg, Nanci Larsen, David McNiel, Heather Troxel, Pat Watson

**Members Excused:** Randy Akes, Jr., Wivory Brandle, Barbara Brown, Mary Jane Dana, Nancy Hart, Marisol Ruiz

**Members Unexcused:** Gary Cordery, Bruno DeBayona, Christina Duran, Carolyn Hart, Jacob Hernandez, Annette Martinez-Lievanos

**Guests:** Brian Percy, Judy Mahoney, David Kessinger, Marie Leggette

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis McNiel

### 1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair McNiel at 6:40 pm. New members shared their background with the group and were welcomed to the board.

### 2. Approval of Minutes, April 4, 2005

(No Quorum)

### 3. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods

- Pat Watson gave a report on Mayor's Night Out and encouraged RNP members to attend;
- David Kessinger reported on the lack of a sewer system on Pachappa Hill and the reduction in the Office of Neighborhoods budget;

### 4. Announcement – Arlington Chili Cook-off and Car Show May 28, 2005

Members of the Arlington Partnership brought goodie bags for RNP board members and others present and shared information about the upcoming Chili Cook-off and Car Show.

### 5. Presentation: Community Police Review Commission

CPRC member Brian Percy provided an overview of the history, mission, and goals of the CPRC. He stressed the CPRC's goal of building trust between the community and Riverside Police Department and improving police protocol. The commission is working hard to increase its community outreach to decrease a lot of misunderstanding as to its role. The CPRC is an adjunct to the City Manager, reviews complaints, and acts as an early warning system to get the community's perceptions on policy. Mr. Percy shared CPRC literature and distributed his card.

### 6. RNP Quarterly Reports

Pat Watson provided a written memo to all members regarding Mayor's Night Out. No other reports.

## **7. Neighborhood Conference**

Office of Neighborhoods staff distributed literature and posters for the upcoming conference and encouraged the board to help get the word out.

- Marie Leggette requested we send her a solicitation letter for soliciting door prizes;
- Jay Dyer questioned what would become of the RNP elections if the conference were discontinued;
- Laurie Hoirup suggested CODY to assist in assigning sign interpreters, if needed;
- Discussion took place as to whether there would be an RNP booth at various community events;
- Pat Watson suggested that if the Office of Neighborhoods is disbanded, the group needs to increase its awareness about city issues and stay abreast of community events, etc.;

## **8. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. RNP 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Review and Brainstorm
- b. Future of the RNP

## **9. Other Business/Public Comment**

- Jacob Hernandez reported on the Casa Blanca Cinco de Mayo Event. Concerns were shared as to this not being a good event for the RNP; however, some felt it was perfect because the goal was to provide goodies and have fun to support the Villegas Park Advisory.
- Laurie Hoirup reported that the RNP booth at the event was in a poor location which was very difficult for wheelchairs to access.

## **10. Next Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2005**

## **11. Meeting adjourned**

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